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Grand Knight's Message

As your Grand Knight, there are so many things to be thankful for that these deserve a few inches of space in this message. The support given to me by many members is indeed edifying. I am so grateful for the many who have stepped forward to offer their help with the various initiatives we began past July. I cannot hope to accomplish very much without your help. I must say a prayer of thanks for that adherence to our four pillars of the Order that prompt you to step forward and help.

We just completed our Membership Drive at St. Eleanor. It was so great seeing so many brother Knights at each door and around the table engaging interested men. Thanks to SK Joe Stephey for the many hours of work he devoted to pulling all this together and getting packets ready for distribution, the tri-fold and manning the table. We came away with 15 names, three of which are transfers, and distributed at least the same number of pamphlets to others who did not give their name. We received one inquiry via our web site (www.kofc3633.org) and that was also satisfying to know people are going to our Web page (thank you Manuel Pena for all the work you devoted to making that happen!). The real work now falls to our Admissions Committee under the leadership of SK Richard Heath, and we are pleased to have Joe Coco, SK Don Fuga, SK Dan Keefe and Michael Powers working with Dick to spearhead that effort. It is always dangerous to start citing names because invariably, someone gets left off the list.

I have a high level view of the financial income/expenses for the first half of the fraternal year at the end of this section. This will give you a brief idea of how we are doing as a council.

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IMPORTANT NEWS !!!!

**PLEASE LOOK AT
THE CALENDAR FOR
BOTH MEETING
DATE CHANGES AND
MOST IMPORTANTLY
A CHANGE IN THE
START OF OUR
MEETINGS.
7:00 PM WILL BE THE
NEW START TIME
FOR MEETINGS
BEGINNING MARCH.**

COUNCIL CALENDAR

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<i>Business Meetings</i>	<i>Officers meetings</i>	<i>Other Events</i>
Sunday- March 8th at 7:00 PM	Wednesday- March 25th at 7:00PM	
Sunday- April 5th at 7:00 PM	Wednesday- April 22nd at 7:00 PM	ARC Drive at Acme April 15-18 ARC Drive at Landis April 29-May 2
Sunday- May 17th at 7:00 PM Note date change due to Mother's Day		Mothers Day Dinner May 4: 7 PM Limerick Diner-call SK Dave Gullick at 610-584 5572 ARC Drive at Redners May 13-16

Exemplification Schedule (Please note: anyone wishing to advance in their degree status must first contact either SK Joe Stephey (610-489-1341) or the Grand Knight to assure proper paperwork is available and reservations made)

First Degree

Tuesday, April 28th, at Epiphany of Our Lord Council #10605, 340 Walton Rd., Plymouth Meeting, PA. Candidates at 7:00 PM, Degree at 7:30. Dress is business casual, jacket preferred.

Third Degree

Sunday, March 1st, at Msgr. Schuyler Council # 1333, 110 W. Market Street, West Chester, Pa. **Candidates should arrive no sooner than 12:15 PM and no later than 12:30 PM**, Degree at 1:00 PM. All candidates should make every effort to wear a coat & tie.

Fourth Degree

The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held in King of Prussia on Sunday May 24, 2009. The cutoff date for candidates to register is May 1st. Space is limited to the first 200 candidates, so do not delay. The cost is ~\$65, but the optional Ladies luncheon and banquet are additional. A black tuxedo is required. Our council has a high percentage of 4th Degrees. It is truly an honor to possess our Order's highest Degree. The Degree is rich in history and an important symbol of Catholic-American patriotism in our country. We are awaiting registration packets. Contact Joe Bondi if you would like to receive this degree.

Grand Knight's Message continued: I must acknowledge Brother Dave McDermott and SK Jody Shollenberger for their work on the Free Throw Championship. Two hundred three boys and girls had the opportunity to participate and we have four students from St. Eleanor who came away winners from Districts and now head to the regional competition. This is quite an accomplishment!

We are doing well with fundraising efforts and are looking forward to another round of Crab Cake sales during Lent under the leadership of Scott Shirley. Sale is planned for April 2 pick-up at the St. Eleanor School. The Golf Outing on June 5 under the leadership of PGK Bill Kirby and PGK Don Barbuto needs golfers so look inside for the sign-up form and contact your friends for gifts and players. This is our most important fund-raiser of the year. We need all of you to help with obtaining gifts and sponsors for the ad book. Please- we cannot point our compass to charity unless we have the funds to do charitable works!

A First Degree Team will return to the Perkiomen Valley Council Chambers in the near future. SK Dan Keefe has put together the team and rehearsals are underway. We must be certified by the District Deputy but that will come quickly so we should be up and running very soon. This will go a long way in helping us bring new members into the order faster.

Yes, we are having another social event, a dinner for couples to help celebrate the ladies who support us in our efforts. Look inside for details of the May 4 dinner meeting. We are heading to the Limerick Diner on May 4. Thanks to DGK Dave Gullick for making arrangements and Louise Coco for obtaining a speaker, Sr. Kristen head of the Spirituality Center at Alvernia University.

Lastly, there has been talk for a while now about forming a Ladies Auxiliary for the Council. This is an effort that is outside of the workings of the Order and stands alone as a group. Louise Coco, wife of Brother Joe Coco, has done some homework talking to the group at Fr. Bally. Please look for her article in the Newsletter and show it to your wives, although my bet is some of the wives read this Newsletter before the members, and see if we can get sufficient interest to pursue this further.

I would be remiss to close without some mention of Lent, a time of renewal and a time to think through our priorities in light of the love our God has given to us through his Son, Jesus. Let us not let the time go by without devoting time to additional efforts to build our faith. Stations of the Cross are a great way to get us in touch with the cost of our salvation. An extra effort to attend daily mass will be sufficient reward in itself. Eucharistic Adoration is available at St. Eleanor and St. Mary 24/7. May you all find peace and joy in your sacrifices and continue to pray for all the sick of our Council. **GK Joe Bondi**

July-December 2008 Summary of Income vs. Expenses

<u>7/1/08-12/31/08</u>	<u>Due</u>	<u>50/50</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Rose/Life</u>	<u>COAL</u>	<u>Misc</u>	<u>Signs</u>	<u>Crab C.</u>	<u>Supreme</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Charity</u>
<u>Income</u>	<u>\$926</u>	<u>\$114</u>	<u>\$14.49</u>	<u>\$5,146.02</u>	<u>\$2,419.02</u>	<u>\$1,440</u>	<u>\$573</u>	<u>\$1584</u>			
<u>Expenses</u>		<u>\$584.55</u>		<u>\$5,146.02</u>	<u>\$944.90</u>	<u>\$2,222</u>		<u>\$1,053</u>	<u>\$308.59</u>	<u>\$2,132.83</u>	<u>\$3,050</u>

Field Agent's Message:

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 Insurance calculator
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If you haven't visited the Knights of Columbus website in a while, I encourage you to do so the next time you're online. There are many exciting features on www.kofc.org, but there are two that I wish to make you especially aware of.

The first is our member testimonial area, titled "Stages of Life." In this multi-media area, six "real-life" stories are told - stories of people at different stages of their lives. Chances are one of them will sound a lot like you. These people talk about how their Knights of Columbus agent took the time to demonstrate for them the need for life insurance in their lives. I'll be happy to do that for you and your family as well.

The second is our Life Insurance Calculator. This handy, easy-to-use online tool was developed to allow you, in about 15-20 minutes, to estimate the amount of life insurance coverage you need. The information you'll be asked to provide will be basic (the type most folks would tend to have at their fingertips), and secure (it's intended to be used solely for the purposes of the online calculator - the Order won't capture it or share it with anyone, including me!). I stress that the number you'll receive is an estimate, based on the basic information you provide. It's not intended to take the place of the free, professional needs analysis that I'll be happy to provide for you and your family.

Fraternally, *Bill Bush y*



COUNCIL NEWS



Congratulations to Jim Boswell- Jim Celebrates 60 years in April as a loyal and active member of this council. God bless you Jim!

Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) 2009 Drive:

This ARC is now charged with covering Montgomery, Berks and Bucks counties. Berks and Bucks chapters have folded into Montgomery County's due to lack of financial support. The demand for their services has continued to grow; their staff has decreased 30% to minimize their costs; and they do not turn those eligible for assistance away. They need our help. You gentleman have provided a great amount of your time for this cause in the past.

S.K. Milton Johnson reports: The ACME in Collegeville has closed, but the ACME in Limerick has agreed to support the ARC in 2009. The dates of the Acme drive are April 15th through April 18th. Please mark your calendar because we want to make a good impression at the new ACME location. Milton will be sending out sign-up sheets. If you shop at the ACME in Limerick, please ask for the store manager, Michael Mckeviitt and thank him for supporting the ARC for 2009.

SK Bob Scuibba reports: Landis has again given us the approval to conduct our ARC drive on their premises. I have scheduled it for Wednesday 4/29/09 through Saturday 5/2/09. This is the same weekend as it was last year. Please let me know if you can cover some time and what your preferences are. Contact Bob at 610-409-9593

S.K. DGK Dave Gullick reports: Redner Market again has given us the approval to conduct the ARC drive Wednesday May 13-Saturday May 16. Please contact Dave at 610-584-5572 (before he calls you!)

Crab Cake Sale:

The next Crab Cake Sale is coming! Ads will be placed in the St. Eleanor bulletin for the last 3 weeks of March. A final order will be placed either March 30th or March 31st. Distribution will be on 4/2/09 in the St. Eleanor School lobby. Crab Cakes are \$4.75 each. Order forms will be also available in the Narthex at a table to be set up. We need a member at the Narthex each of the Masses on Sunday March 15, 22 and 29. Please contact Scott Shirley at 267-278-1562 or by email to scott.shirley@fiserv.com to help or to place your order.



**8th Annual
Council Golf Outing
Friday June 5th**

PGK Bill Kirby/PGK Don Barbuto report that we are coming along fairly well with sponsors but we could always use more. We need to push for golfers and prizes. Prizes are items that anyone can contribute whether involved with golf or not. This is the Council's primary fund raiser and so it's in everyone's interest for us to be successful. Also we need golfers so everyone who plays golf can get a foursome and enjoy the day. Please use the flyer below to register or solicit sponsors. **WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION!**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PERKIOMEN VALLEY COUNCIL # 3633
8th ANNUAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT AND BANQUET
FRIDAY JUNE 5th, 2009**

*Gilbertsville Golf Club - Gilbertsville, PA --Payment & registrations are due by **May 15th, 2009.**
Shotgun start for an 18-hole best ball format at 1:00 PM
Banquet and awards presentation will begin at approximately 6:00 PM.*

The Tournament Includes:
 18 Holes of Golf
 Tournament Gift Items
 Hot Dog Lunch & Beverage Beer & Soft Drinks throughout the day Banquet Dinner
 Team Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place as well as Skills Competition Prizes.
The Banquet Includes: Dinner & Dessert. Beer, Wine, Soda and Coffee
Donation: Golfers \$95 / Banquet only \$40

IMPORTANT: This is a 100% PREPAID event. We limit the number of foursomes in order to ensure a brisk pace of play. Registrations are not confirmed until payment is received. DO NOT DELAY.

<u>Golfers</u>	<u>Banquet Only</u>
Captain _____	Guest 1 _____
Email Address _____	Guest 2 _____
Phone _____	Guest 3 _____
2 nd Player _____	Guest 4 _____
3 rd Player _____	Total Guests @ \$40.00 ea. = \$ _____
4 th Player _____	
Total Golfers _____ @ \$95.00 ea. = \$ _____	<i>Single players can be placed in a foursome if so desired.</i>

NOTE: In the event of inclement weather, the golf portion of the event will be re-scheduled. However, we may be required to eat the food, so please plan on attending either way. There will be no refunds.

Make checks payable the **Knight of Columbus Council 3633** Please complete this form and send with payment to:
Don V. Barbuto 610-983-3262
20 Heron Court
Phoenixville, Pa. 19460

SPONSORSHIP / ADVERTISING INFORMATION

Tournament Program Book

Advertising Rates:

Be known to the Knights as a local supporter of their organization and causes! Text of your choice.

Full Page \$100

Half Page \$75

Quarter Page \$50

Advertisers please include letterhead, business card, facsimile of logo, or other description of how the ad is intended to appear. Company logos can be emailed to dbarbuto@aol.com

Sponsorship

Hole Sponsors: \$125

Your Company Name mounted on a sign placed at the tee of one hole. Be seen by every Golfer! Includes a full-page in the Tournament Program.

Event Sponsors:

Tournament Sponsor

For your cash donation of at least \$1,000, you will receive complementary entry for a golf foursome and the banquet. Also included are a Hole Sponsorship and full-page advertisement in the Tournament Program. Your corporate banner, signage or other advertising may also be displayed at the registration area (you must provide the display).

Banquet Sponsor

For your cash donation of \$500 or more, you'll receive special recognition at the Banquet, a Hole Sponsorship and a full-page advertisement in the Tournament Program

Prize Sponsor

We are in need of Tournament Prizes and Auction items. For your donation of items with value of at least \$500, you will receive a Hole Sponsorship and a full-page advertisement in the Tournament Program. For your donation of items with value of at least \$250, you will receive a full-page advertisement in the Tournament Program.

Company: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

The deadline for placing ads and sponsorships is May 15th, 2009. Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 3633. Contact Don Barbuto 610-983-3262

2009 Free Throw Championship:

Thank you, Dave McDermott and SK Jody Shollenberger for all your efforts in making this happen.



This is a photo of the winners of the recently sponsored Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The winners in the 10-13 year age class from the K of C Council 3633 event that went to the District Championship on Feb 9 at St. Pius are shown with their names underlined. These will go to the Regional Championship that will take place at Cardinal O'Hara on February 28.

Front Row- James Bleming, Reilly Cotton, Andrew Lesinski, Jack Paris and Alison Snakard; Back Row- Nick Demeno, Holly Conicelli, Kaileigh DiFillipo, Mary Cate Butler and Sean Rafferty

Scholarship Fund:

The Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund exists to help members of our council defray the cost of Catholic education. The interest on this bequest is distributed evenly across the approved applicants. The total available for disbursement this year is \$982.22.

The application is comprised of a letter to the current Grand Knight stating the intent of application, the name of the student(s) and relationship to the applying member, the name of the school and the amount of tuition. In the case of home schooling, the amount of expenses incurred for religious education materials must be submitted along with the name of the institution certifying the home program and the fees associated with that organization. *Continued on next page*

The deadline for receiving applications for Scholarship Funds is the close of the April 5th Business Meeting. The Scholarship Committee, Chaired by the Grand Knight, includes the Financial Secretary, Treasurer, all past Grand Knights, and 2 Members to be appointed.

The applicant criteria are as follows:

- The applicant must be a member in good standing of K of C Perkiomen Valley Council #3633, for at least one full year (12 months) prior to the application acceptance date;
- The applicant must have continued advancement in exemplification to the next degree during the past twelve months, until reaching the Third Degree.
- The student must be a dependent of the applying member as defined by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service regulations (Form 1040);
- The applicant must have, during the twelve (12) months immediately proceeding the application month, attended or participated in a minimum of seven (7) council activities, in any combination of the following:
 - Attendance at regularly scheduled Council #3633 Business Meetings;
 - Attendance at regularly scheduled Council #3633 Officers Meetings;
 - Serving as a chairman or contributing member of an activity committee as verified by the Grand Knight and/or the committee chairman;
- Be a dependent of a deceased member who had previously met the aforementioned criteria including "Reported excused".

Ladies of the Knights:

Ladies of the Knights are a group of women otherwise known as the Women's Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus. They have always been an invaluable catalyst in supporting the knights with fundraising and other activities. Women of the Auxiliary are either wives of the knights, single women or married women of husbands who do not belong to the order, but feel called to help the Knights. The only requirement is that these women must be Catholic and in good standing in the Catholic Church. They must be committed to giving one day a month to help with the needs of the Knights. There must be at least fifteen dedicated women to start an Auxiliary.

Recruitment for members can take place by placing an Ad in various churches in the area with the support of the pastors. Women, including wives of the Knights are invited to a meeting at which time they are given a detailed description of their duties and responsibilities. The Women's Auxiliary not only incorporates service to the Knights, but many fun-filled hours of female support and camaraderie.

Any interested women, please call Louise Coco [610-705-5949](tel:610-705-5949) to be placed on a Contact List for further information.

May Dinner Meeting: We are having another social function. In past years the Council has held a dinner in May so we could enjoy an outing with our wives to honor them as the Mother's of our children. It is also an opportunity to meet with other Brother Knights and their wives to get to know each other. This year, we have agreed to hold a dinner at Limerick Diner on Monday May 4 starting at 7:00 PM. Sr. Kristen head of the Spirituality Center at Alvernia University will be our after dinner speaker. The dinner will be held in one of the private back rooms and we will be able to choose from four (4) dinner entrees (Roast Turkey, Virginia Ham, Broiled Atlantic Salmon or Grilled Chicken Breast). Included will be soup, choice of four sides, dessert and beverages. All for only \$18.00 per person. Please call Dave Gullick at 610-584 5572 for reservations.

Check out our Web Site

www.kofc3633.org

Lots of good information. Check it regularly for changes in meetings and notice of upcoming events. Since this newsletter only issues 6 times a year, you need the web site to keep current of our activities.



Spiritual Message By Msgr. John Galyo

He was born in Belgium on Jan. 3, 1840 and ordained to the Priesthood in 1864 in the congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He asked to be assigned to an obscure island in the Pacific where he served until his death on April 15, 1889, at the age of 49. He is known worldwide as Father Damian of Molokai. He was declared Blessed on June 4, 1995.

Molokai was a leper colony and when Fr. Damian arrived there were 600 lepers who were isolated because of the horror of this disease. Molokai was an island without any amenities: no buildings, no water fit to drink. The inhabitants lived like animals in caves and in simple shacks. To be sent there was a condemnation to a life imprisonment. Once there, no one could leave, including Fr. Damian. It was to this island that Fr. Damian chose to go, and when he arrived, there were not doctors or nurses, only Fr. Damian to give them comfort. He offered them religion, but he also gave as much medical attention as possible. He bathed them and bound their wounds. He helped them build cottages and went so far as to dig their graves and to make their coffins.

The lepers responded to his many services to them. In a short time Fr. Damian had 400 catechumens and he baptized them and fed them with the bread of life, preparing them for everlasting life. This dreadful disease was finally treatable by the 1940's. There was one leper hospital in the US in Louisiana which is no longer necessary because it has been conquered in this part of the world. This is not true elsewhere. India is estimated to have 15 million, a quarter of the world's lepers, more than any other single country. Besides her other heroic services, Mother Teresa of Calcutta also ministered to the lepers. Leprosy as it is known today is named Hansen's disease after the Norwegian scientist who discovered the bacilli leprae in the late 1800's.

Ignorance of medicine and hygiene let too many diseases thrive and a theology developed that said the illness was a consequence of sin. By the time of Jesus, this was a fixed belief and although it is true that some sin leads to sickness, the Lord gave another insight into illness and healing. God is a healer who forgives sin and the healings of Jesus teach about a God who loves us. The healings he gave did more than cure. The Lord brought people back into their community by healing their isolation and shame.

Fr. Damian's decision to reach out put him in a leper colony for the rest of his life. This decision led to his death at the age of 49. Fr. Damian imitated the healing Jesus came to offer. We are also called to do this, but not without sacrifice. There are untouchables among us- the unpopular child at school. How to teach our children to react out to them? There is an unpopular co-worker. How do we include him or her?

We have been urged to avoid giving offense or scandal, but Jesus did. He scandalized everybody when he dared to touch the untouchable. He violated religious law regarding ritual purity, but in so doing, he was speaking for God. When the leper saw the Lord's power to heal, the leper said simply: "if you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him and said to him, "I do will it. Be made Clean" God seeks to heal us because God wants us all to be part of his everlasting home. But before that time comes we might ask: How many times have people reached out to us and we have not responded? How many times for whatever fear, have we failed to show compassion? Blessed Damian shamed not only an island nation into helping the sick; he moved the world as well. His compassion brought healing. Dare we do less?

Msgr. Galyo



Happy Easter to you and your Families

Parish News

St. Eleanor: (Parish Rep. Charles Sauermelech):

We have no scheduled activities for the Knights this period. Members are asked to participate in the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil at the Planned Parenthood facility on Rt 29. Please contact Rita Smith 610-489-1929 to schedule a time. We Knights should be visible in the important prayer effort.

St. Mary: (Parish Rep. PGK Matt McCloskey):

Thanks to all the brother Knights who attended the Pro-Life Rosary following the 7 PM Mass on Feb. 19. It was edifying to see such participation and I know Fr. McElroy was pleased.

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta: (Parish Representative- PGK Sam Augustine):

We are grateful to Fr. Brandt for the special mass celebrated for the Knights and their intentions on Saturday Feb. 21 at the Linfield Church. Seventeen joined Fr. for breakfast at the Limerick Diner thereafter and it was a very enjoyable time with Fr.



March Birthdays:

Chuck Draksler, Andy Gesek, John Giorgis, Milton Johnson, Rich Keckley, John Longua, Joe Maiello, Mark McKeever, Dave McMahan, Richard Rudderow, Carl Santoro, Tom Scott, Jody Shollenberger, Charles Sulzbach

April Birthdays: Joe Albert, Joe Bergen, Joe Bondi, Jim Boswell, Chris Cusatis, Don Fuga, Laurence Genuardi, Charlie George, GK Reggie Hill, John Kendall, Matt McCloskey, John McGinness, Robert Rose, Ed Urick

March & April K of C Anniversaries:

Jim Boswell – **60 years**
 Robert Rau Sr – **50 years**
 Nick Golato – **35 years**
 Dave Derfler, Phil Kirby, Steve Muntzenberger – 10 years
 Joe Bergen, Adam Cusatis, John Giorgis, Dave Gullick, John Kendall, Tom Kinney, Ed Motzer, Tom Neafcy, Chris Rosekrans, Joe Stephey, Bob Wetzel – **5 years**

Thank you for your service, Gentlemen!

Prayer Needs

Seminarians & Clergy: Rev. Mr. Jeff Rott, PGK Brother Charlie Schreiner

Deceased: Jerry Donaghy, Richard Robinson, Al Musloski, Douglas Gordon, Bob McCafferty

Sick: Matt Kirby, Larry Pennypacker, Marcia Capaldi, Mary Anne Petitto, Eliose Brown, Young family, Ried family, Domenic Pennetti, Rosina Pennetti, Diane Pennetti, Bob Donaghy, Sr. Karen Degennaro, Peg Mason, Pete Kaeser, Tanya Kaeser, Ed Pires, Helen Torres, Joe Camber, Don Lynch, Sidney Stine

Special Needs: Pope Benedict XVI, Peace in the World, Our Elected Officials, Our Pastors, Priests and Parochial Vicars, the Hungry and Homeless, those suffering depression

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